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Georgiev *et al.*

Appl. No.: 09/462,625

35 U.S.C. § 371 Date: July 28, 2000

For: **Tumor Growth Inhibition- and
Apoptosis-Associated Genes and
Polypeptides and Methods of Use Thereof**

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Art Unit: 1642

Examiner: Stephen L. Rawlings

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Statement of Substance of Examiner Interview

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Sir:

An Examiner Interview for the captioned application was conducted on January 13, 2004. Pursuant to the Interview Summary mailed February 26, 2004, which directs Applicants to file a statement of the substance of the interview within one month from the date of the interview, or the mailing date of the interview summary form, whichever is later, Applicants submit herewith such a statement.

Applicants and Applicants' representative wish to thank Examiner Stephen Rawlings for the telephonic interview with the undersigned Applicants' representative on January 13, 2004.

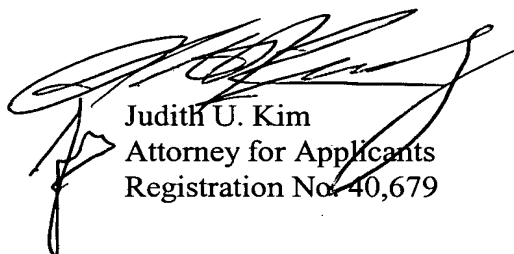
During the interview, Applicants' representative authorized an Examiner's Amendment to amend claims 61 and 80 as follows:

61. (Currently Amended) [[A]] An isolated transfected host cell comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 53.

80. (Currently Amended) [[A]] An isolated transfected host cell comprising the nucleic acid molecule of claim 73.

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Statement of Substance of Examiner Interview; and
2. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

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